

CONVICT SHOT DOWN IN ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAK

Bailey Brown, a prisoner in the county jail at Raton, was shot and killed in an attempted jail break on the morning of the Fourth. Deputy Sheriff J. C. Gale entered the cell room that morning carrying breakfast to Brown, when the latter grabbed and attempted to "strong arm" him. Gale dropped his tray and closed with the prisoner, and both fell to the floor. At this time a prisoner named Pantou jumped over their bodies and ran out through the open door. The deputy managed to free himself and got up and the prisoner again started for him but he drew his gun and shot twice before he reached him, killing his assailant almost instantly, one shot penetrating his head and one his body. The officer whirled around to get one shot at Pantou, but missed him and the man got away. In a few minutes the prisoner returned and gave himself up for fear that he might be shot down in an attempt to recapture him. It is said that Brown had a reputation as a bad man. He was sent to the penitentiary for a year for the robbery of the house of Sheriff Marion Littrell and was just recently released, and at the time of the killing was in jail awaiting the session of the grand jury on the charge of larceny.—Las Vegas Optic.

Puerto Pickings.

[Correspondence]

W. H. Rush who has the contract to furnish and erect the polls for a new telephone line, received orders Saturday to commence putting up the poles at once. He will receive the wire in about two weeks. This line will give Tucumcari direct connection with Texico, and will pass through Grady, Puerto and Lloyd.

Mrs. Stevens of the Plains country was in Puerto last week in the interest of the post office which will be established there soon, and will be called Plain Post Office. Mrs. Stevens will have charge of the office. It is located twelve miles southwest of Puerto.

J. W. White of Tucumcari was here last week calling on old friends.

Florence McDial who has been sick for some time, is improving at this writing.

A. T. Locklear came home sick from Texico where he attended a barbeque. The doctor believes he has been poisoned by eating canned goods.

Our people who attended the picnic at Quay on the Fourth report a fine time and plenty to eat.

Speers and Conman of Kentucky are locating near Puerto.

Yeager who has been working at Tucumcari, is now improving his claim.

Rev. Trickey who has been making a tour of New Mexico in the interest of the M. E. Church, South, returned home last week. He went from here to Melrose.
BEAR GRASS.

UNIFORM SYSTEM OF RAILROAD SIGNALS

Much headway was made toward having adopted a uniform system of signals for all railroads by the signal and interlocking committee of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way association, which met in Buffalo recently. The plan will enable an engineer to take an engine anywhere, run it across the continent if necessary, and be able to read the signals on any road.

The committee is working on an outline approved at the last national meeting of the association in Chicago in March. It will meet in September in Philadelphia, and hopes to complete its work by December 31.

The movement contemplates the practical revolutionizing of the present signal system. The principal indications proposed are:

On all signals conferring or restricting rights a red light shall be night indication for stop, a yellow light for caution and a green light for clear track.

The day indications for semaphore signals shall be given in the upper right hand quadrant as follows: The semaphore arm horizontal shall indicate stop; inclined toward 45 degrees, caution; and inclined upward 90 degrees, proceed.

Who Wouldnt Be a Farmer?

The most independent man in the country today is the farmer. He doesn't care a hill of beans if the bottom drops out of Amalgamated copper stocks—in fact, he doesn't know anything about copper bottom or any other kind of stocks; he doesn't care whether Harriman is lying about Teddy or Teddy is lying about Harriman, or each one is lying about the other; it doesn't affect his appetite or disturb his slumber to learn that Chicago is reeking in municipal rottenness, and the even tenor of his way does not need working on with a jack-plane when he reads in the newspapers of grafters coming to grief or Bailey coming to the San Saba county encampment. What does he care about the fuss and excitement of this bustling world? He is living at home and boarding with the "old woman." He has quit Kansas City and keeps his smokehouse in his own back yard. He has money in the bank, hogs in the pen, corn in the crib, cotton in the warehouse and kids in the cradle. Who wouldn't be a farmer.—Brownwood (Tex) News.

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